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**Subject:** RE: Media query (deadline 8/15) : SF Examiner - Hunters Point Shipyard Parcel G testing

Thanks for the heads up. Do you think we might be able to respond to her by the end of the week? or will we need longer? (so I can let the reporter know)

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Michele, When meeting with Enrique this morning, he told Lily and I to put off such activities until we complete our comments on Parcel G on Tuesday.

John

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Good morning,

SF Examiner reporter Laura Waxmann is working on a story about the Parcel G testing plan at Hunters Point. She had asked for a phone interview, but I let her know that with schedules and such, we may need to send a written response.

She has the following questions for us, and her deadline is Wednesday (8/15). I have added in some text below (see italics) based on previous responses that may help.

Let me know if you want to discuss next steps.

Thanks,  
Michele

- Has the US EPA fully reviewed the Parcel G work plan and if so, what improvements are needed, if any?

*EPA is reviewing the draft workplan and will work with the Navy and state regulatory agencies to ensure the retesting and cleanup is protective of public health at the site. We have encouraged the Navy to develop a tentative radiological retest project schedule to share with the general public.*

- Is it standard for the EPA comment period on plans like these to occur at the same time as the public's?

- What led to the EPA's independent review of Parcels G and D that found data inaccuracies of up to 97 percent in Tetra Tech's work last last year? What flaws were discovered?

*EPA's assessment of the data included looking more closely for signs of potential data quality problems in addition to signs of potential falsification. For example, EPA recommended resampling when data were missing or when different data collection methods did not produce consistent results.*

- What previous assessment/testing has the U.S. EPA conducted at Parcel G?
- What authority does the EPA have over the Navy to assure that the procedures are followed in a way that doesn't lead to more retesting? Does the EPA feel that public trust in that process needs to be restored and, if so, how?

*The Navy is the lead agency responsible for the investigation and cleanup of the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. EPA and its state regulatory agency partners oversee and enforce Navy compliance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (commonly called the Superfund law) and other requirements to ensure the cleanup at HPNS protects human health and the environment.*

*As for retesting of Parcel G, EPA and state regulating agencies will be overseeing this process and taking split samples for independent analysis.*

- Community members have expressed that they want different people to oversee Hunters Point from now on. Has anyone been reassigned in the EPA, and does the EPA have any authority to see that regulators at other involved agencies step aside?